

In the claims:

Cancel claims 8 and 9. Amend claim 1 as follows (underlining indicating new insertion and brackets with strikethrough indicating deletions). It being understood that all pending claims are listed below in their amended form.

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A disposable medical article having a for direct contact skin attachment by means of skin-compatible adhesive comprising:

a backing having a bottom surface,

a single-use first skin-compatible adhesive layer disposed onto said bottom surface of said backing, said first skin-compatible adhesive layer having a first lower surface facing away from said bottom surface,

a first protective cover releasably attached to said entire first lower surface of said first skin-compatible adhesive layer, said first protective cover having a first cover lower surface facing away from said first lower surface,

a single-use second skin-compatible adhesive layer disposed onto said first cover lower surface of said first protective cover, said second skin-compatible adhesive layer having a second lower surface facing away from said first cover lower surface, and

a second protective cover releasably attached to said entire second lower surface of said second adhesive layer.

2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The disposable medical article as in claim 1, wherein said first skin-compatible adhesive layer comprises a first skin-compatible adhesive characterized by a first peel strength, said second skin-compatible adhesive layer comprises a second skin-compatible adhesive characterized by a second peel strength, said second peel strength being lower than said first peel strength.

3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The disposable medical article as in claim 1, wherein said first protective cover comprising a material characterized by a peel strength between thereof and a first skin-compatible adhesive layer, said strength being higher than said second peel strength.

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The disposable medical article as in claim 1, wherein said first protective cover extends beyond said first skin-compatible adhesive layer to form at least one first tab to facilitate its removal.

5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The disposable medical article as in claim 4, wherein said second protective cover extends beyond said second skin-compatible adhesive layer to form at least one second tab to facilitate its removal.

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The disposable medical article as in claim 5, wherein said second tab extends beyond said first tab.

7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The disposable medical article as in claim 5, wherein said first and second tabs are color-coded.

8. (CANCELLED)

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